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LOSS INCURRED BY BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of loss incurred by the BSNL for providing telephones in villages/remote areas since its formation in October 2000;

(b) whether this amount has been recuperated by the Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The year-wise break up of operational loss incurred by BSNL for providing telephones in villages/remote areas since the formation of BSNL is as follows:-

For the year 2000-01 (6 months) Rs.2587.72 Crore (estimated)
2001-02 Rs.6913.16 Crore
2002-03 Rs.7960.80 Crore
2003-04 Rs.9528.88 Crore (unaudited)

(b) The assistance to BSNL by the Government is as follows:-

(Amount in Crore)

Particulars	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	Total
(i) Licence Fee Reimbrusement	2300.00	2300.00	2300.00	6900.00
(ii) Grant of loan as budgetary support for ongoing Village Public Telephones (VPT) Programme of BSNL	720.00	0	0	720.00
Total Suport Received	3020.00	2300.00	2300.00	7620.00

In addition, Rs.297.23 Crore and Rs.222.77 Crore have been disbursed to BSNL from the Universal Service Obligation (USO) Fund in the year 2002-03 and 2003-04 respectively.

(c) The Reimbursement of Licence Fee and grant of loan to the extent as mentioned in (b) above, is in accordance with budgetary provision made by the Ministry of Finance.